



A WOMAN?



IMPRESSIVE.



YOU ARE NOT
RUNNING AWAY AND
DID NOT EVEN FLINCH
AT MY ARROW.



AS A SHOW
OF RESPECT, I WILL
GRANT YOU A CHANCE
TO KEEP YOUR
LIFE.





A comic panel featuring a character with short, wavy pink hair and small, dark, pointed horns. She has a confident, slightly mischievous expression with a small smile and is looking upwards. She is wearing a dark, possibly black, dress with a white collar and a dark, ornate necklace. To her left, there is a bright, glowing purple energy effect with jagged, lightning-like lines. The background is dark and textured, resembling a stone wall or floor. At the top of the panel, the lower portion of a much larger, dark figure is visible, looking down at the character.

YOU DO NOT
NEED MY PITY,
IS THAT IT?

HA,
ALL RIGHT.



THEN COME
AT ME!



LEAP







SPARKLE



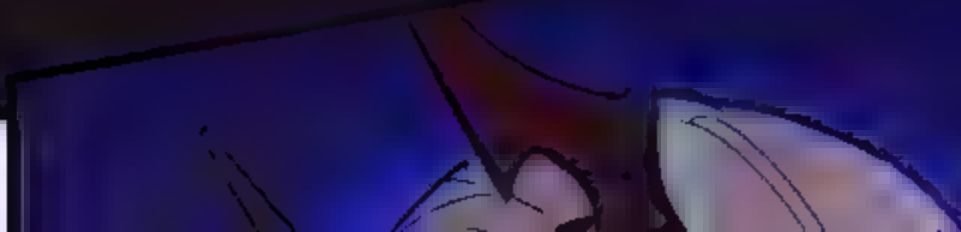


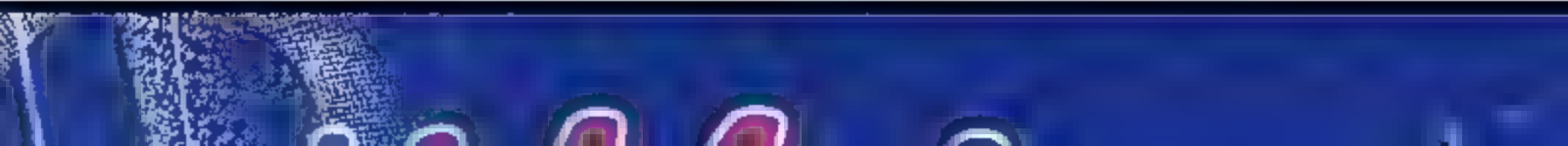


FWOOSH



STEP









SWEAT



The New Hire is

the Demon Lord

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SHE DID NOT

RUN AWAY...

BECAUSE SHE
COULD NOT?!

HOW
EXASPERATING.





BECAUSE
YOU WERE FROZEN
WITH FEAR?

AND YOU
THOUGHT YOU
COULD KILL
ME?





SH-SHUT UP!
I-I'LL DEFEAT YOU
NO MATTER
WHAT...

TO PROTECT
MY VILLAGE,
MY FAMILY, AND
IRELAND!

DRIP

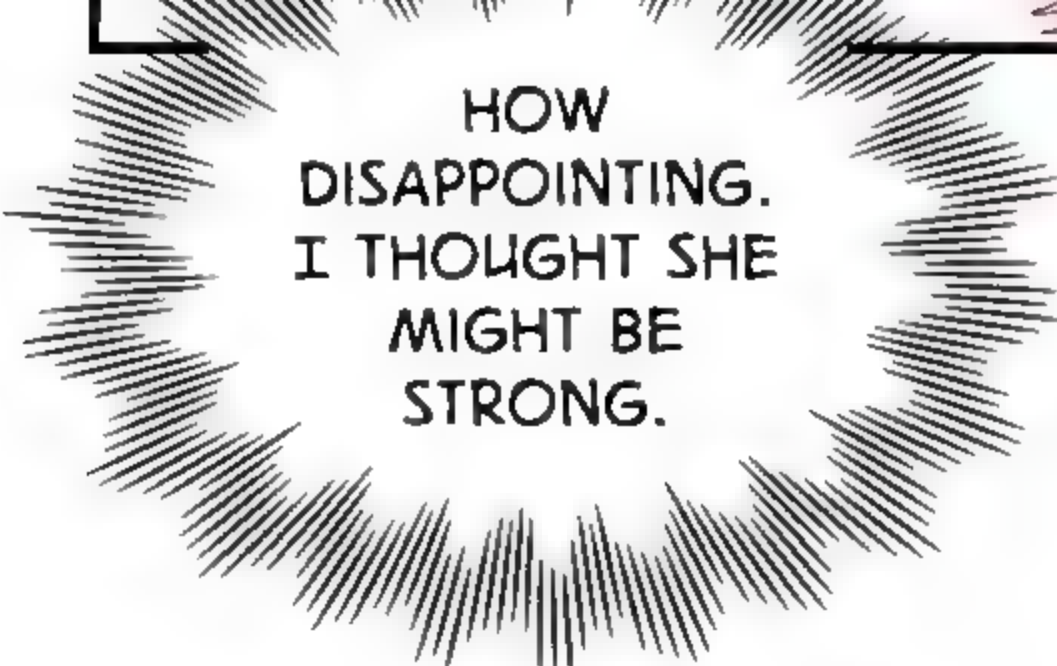


WIPE YOUR
TEARS FIRST,
WILL YOU?

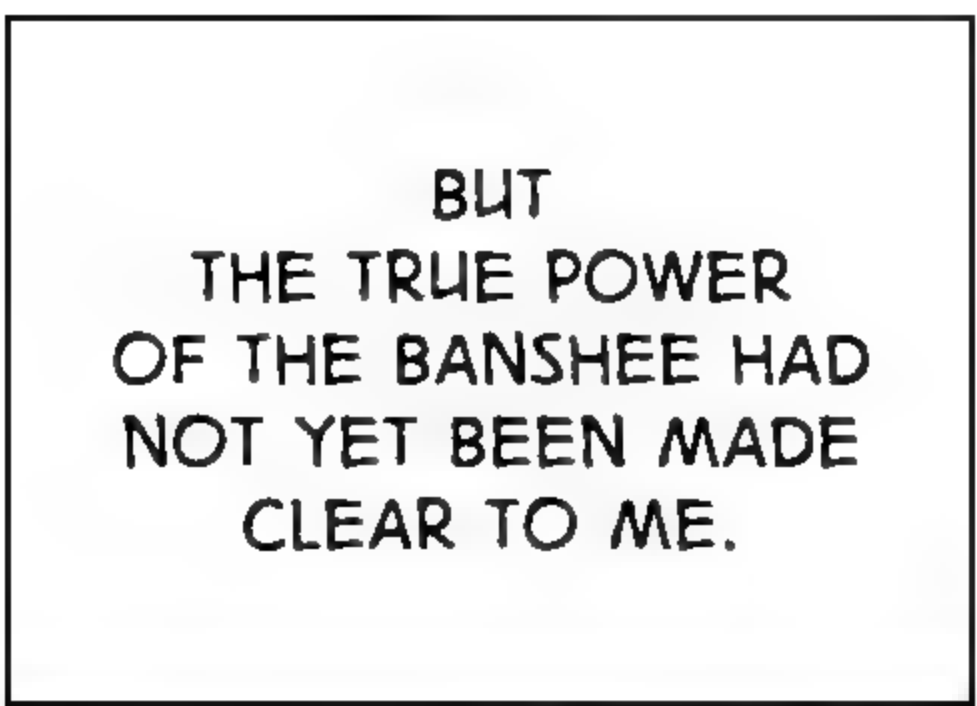
D-DON'T TELL
ME WHAT TO DO!
IT'S JUST THAT
I CAN'T MOVE
AT ALL!

TSK





HOW
DISAPPOINTING.
I THOUGHT SHE
MIGHT BE
STRONG.



BUT
THE TRUE POWER
OF THE BANSHEE HAD
NOT YET BEEN MADE
CLEAR TO ME.



ALL RIGHT
THEN IF YOU INTEND TO

THEN, IF YOU INTEND TO
CONTINUE FIGHTING ME,
I SHALL AS WELL.

ANY LAST
WORDS?

STEP





SOB

WAAAH!

SNIFFLE SNIFFLE



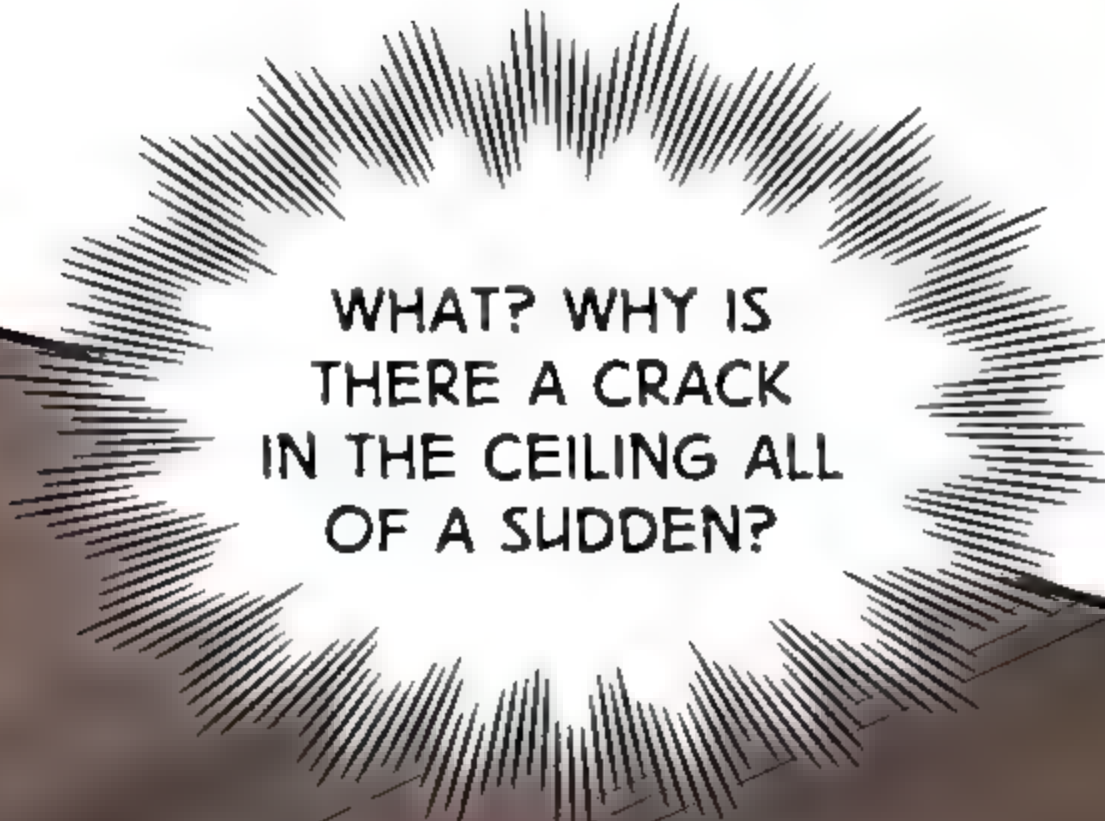
UGH...
STOP CRYING,
WILL YOU?! CEASE
THIS RACKET!

CRACK



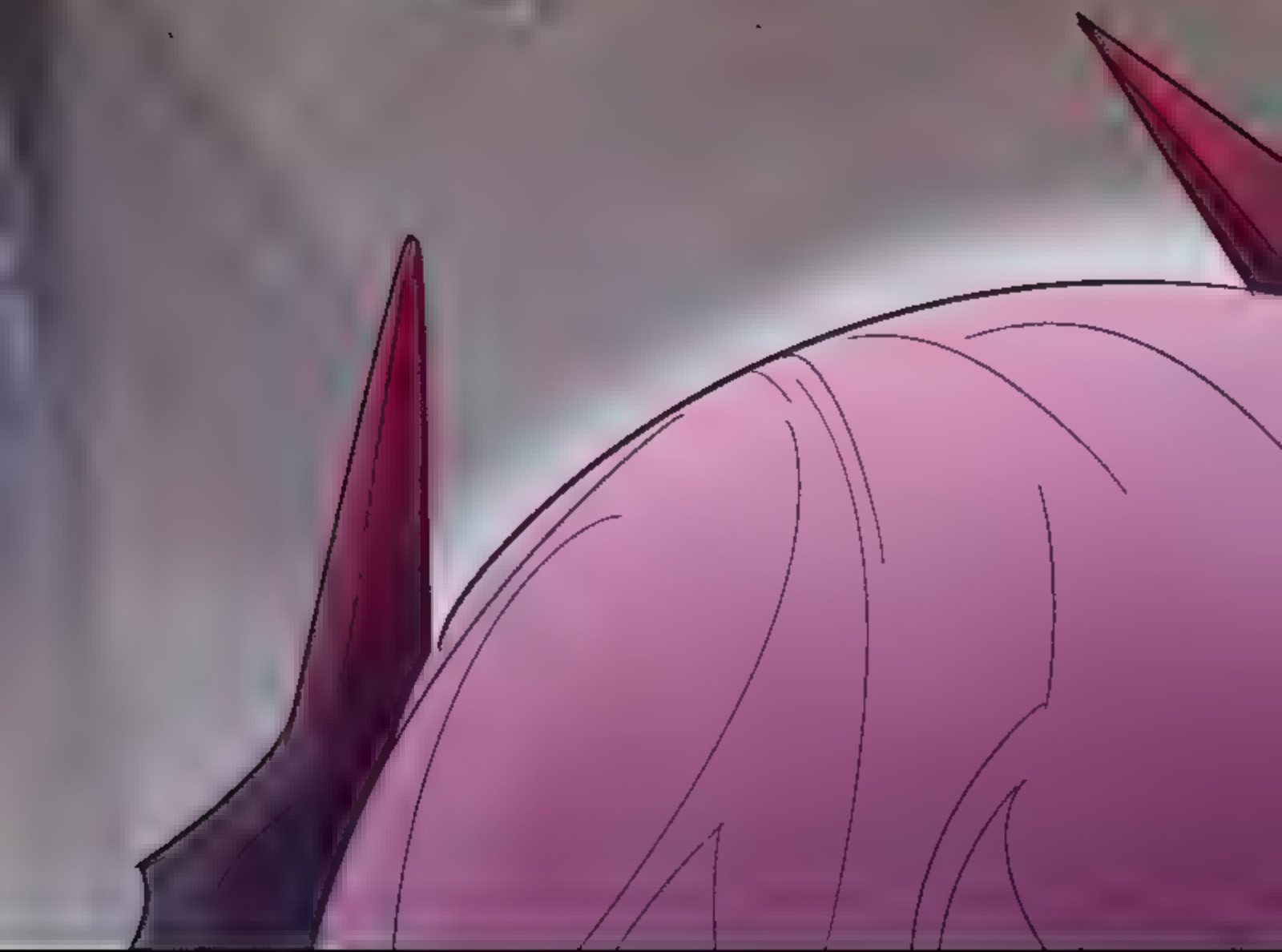


WAAAH



WHAT? WHY IS
THERE A CRACK
IN THE CEILING ALL
OF A SUDDEN?

CRACK

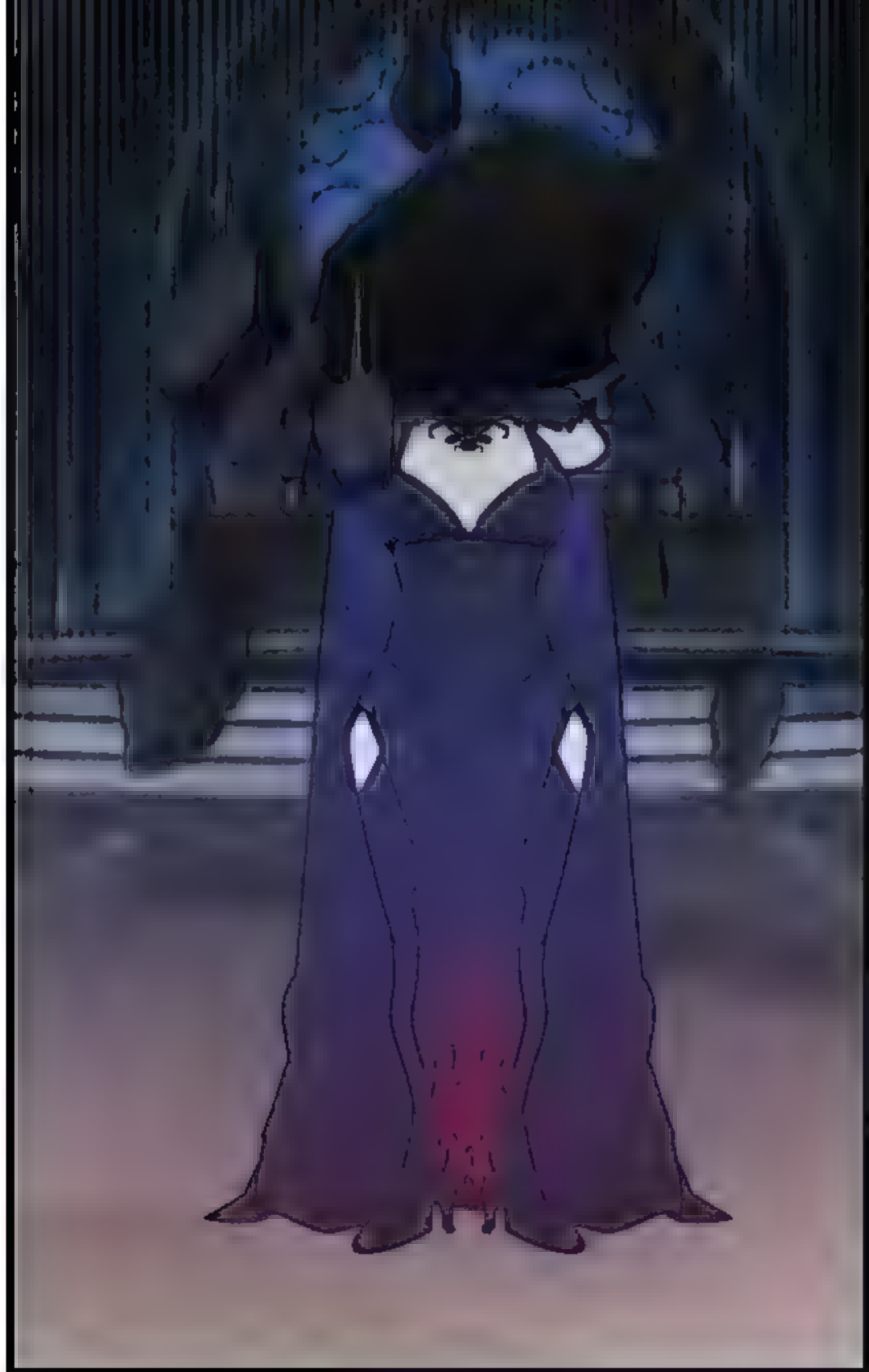


WAAAAH



IS IT AN
EARTHQUAKE?





CRUMBLE



CRASH

BILLOW





WH-WHAT
ON EARTH...

MY...
MY CASTLE!

CRUMBLE



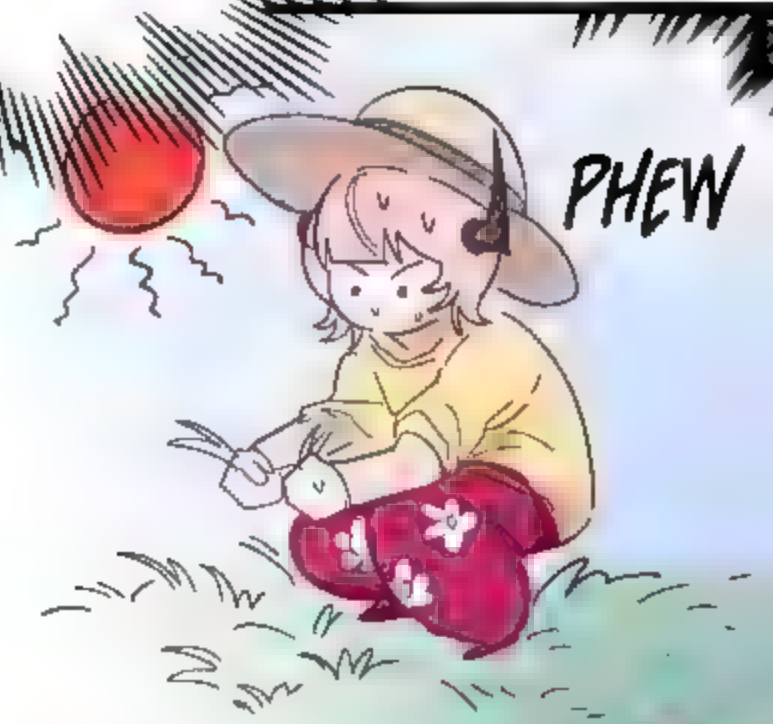


I WILL BUILD
MY CASTLE ON THE

MY CASTLE ON THIS
BARREN LAND!



HAHA



PHEW



OOF



FLASHBACK
TO THE MANY DAYS
OF HARD LABOR

I SPENT SO
MUCH TIME BUILDING
THIS CASTLE BRICK
BY BRICK!

DID YOU DO
THIS?! JUDGING
BY THE WAY YOU ARE
ENTIRELY UNHARMED,
YOU MUST HAVE USED
AN EARTHQUAKE
SPELL!

LOOM



I-I DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING!

RUMBLE

CRASH



CRACKLE

GRAAAH



FEEK

SIZZLE



HOW DARE
YOU BRING DOWN
LIGHTNING ON ME,
YOU BASTARD-!

I-IT WASN'T ME!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN
YOUR HORNS!

Turns out,
it was not magic
at all.

THROB

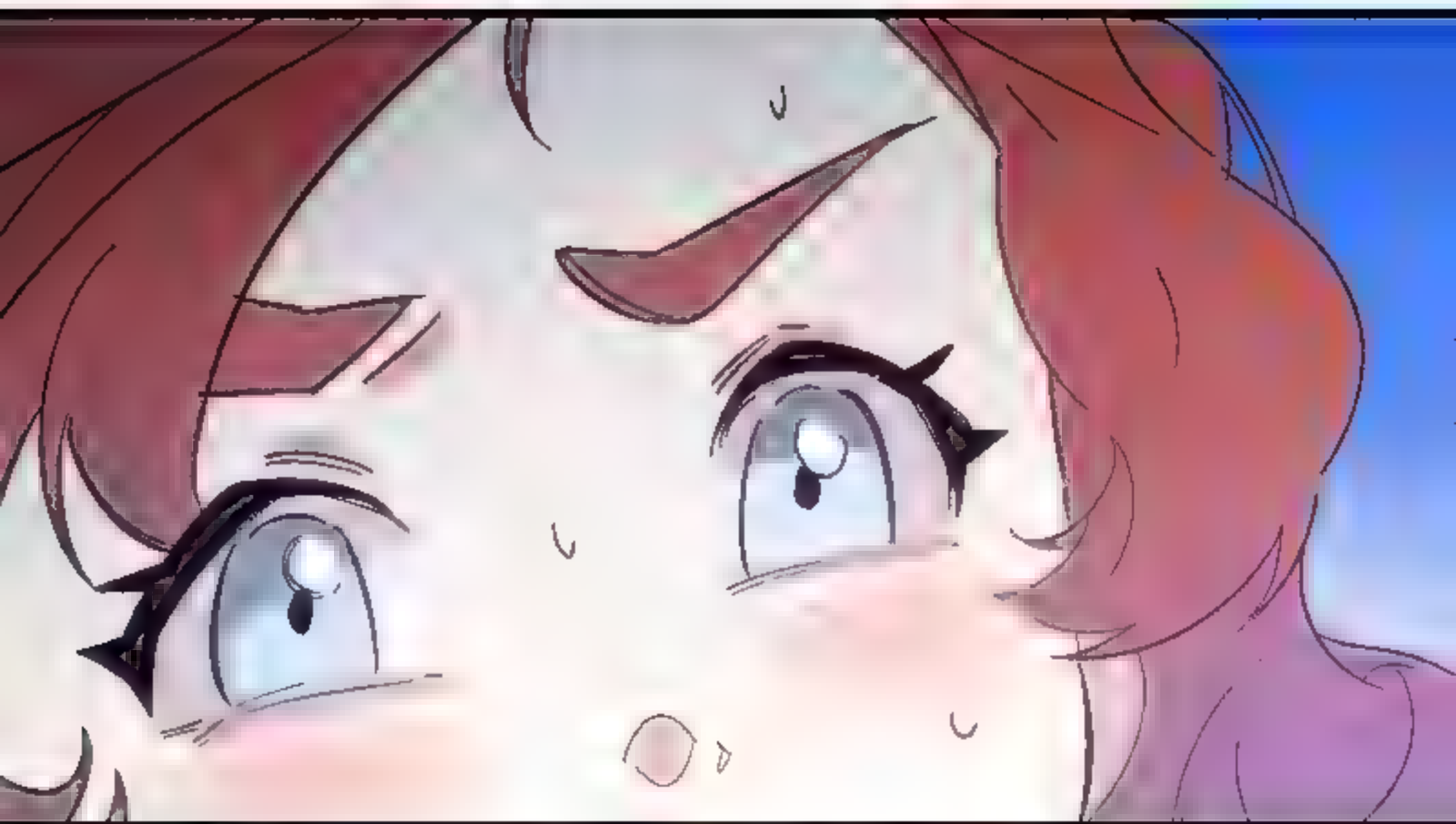


GRAAAH!
MY HEAD-!

FWOOMP



URGH... WHAT
DID YOU DO?!
MY HEAD HURTS
SO MUCH-!



DIE,
YOU FIEND!

WHOOSH

SHUFFLE



Y-YOU
BASTARD!

SWOOSH

TEARY

EEK!



TAKE
THAT!

BANG



TAKE
THAT!

WH-WHAT IS
WRONG WITH
ME?!

AND
THAT!

BANG

BANG



I FEEL DIZZY
AND MY VISION IS
GETTING BLURRY!

HAZY



IS IT BECAUSE
OF THIS SUDDEN
HEADACHE?



I AM AT A
DISADVANTAGE.
THIS CALLS FOR A
STRATEGIC
RETREAT!

zoom

oo
oo





AH!
DON'T RUN
AWAY!

I ONLY
FOUND OUT
LATER ON...

WHAT
BANSHEE'S
TRUE ABILITY
WAS.

HUU... IT TOOK ME
SOME TIME TO FIND
A NEW CASTLE.





NOW I CAN
SETTLE DOWN
HERE AND
LIVE--

CREAK



DULLAHAN!
SO THIS IS WHERE
YOU'VE BEEN HIDING!
I'VE COME TO SETTLE
THIS ONCE AND
FOR ALL!

ALL DUN





HOW DARE
YOU CALL ME
BY NAME.

YOU MUST
NOT BE AWARE

NOT BE AWARE
THAT YOU WERE
ONLY LUCKY ENOUGH
TO SURVIVE OUR LAST
ENCOUNTER BECAUSE
OF MY SUDDEN
HEADACHE.

BUT
SEEKING ME
OUT SO RECKLESSLY
ONCE MORE MUST
MEAN YOU WISH
TO DIE.



I SHALL
GRANT YOU YOUR
WISH THIS TIME!





HER TEARS
BRING ABOUT
CATASTROPHE.

CRUMBLE



AND THAT
CATASTROPHE
MANIFESTED ITSELF
AS ANYTHING FROM
PHYSICAL PAIN LIKE A
STOMACHACHE OR
HEADACHE...

BLARGH



A dark, rainy street scene. A bright, vertical rainbow light beam shines down the center of the road. To the right, a dark, blurry shape suggests a car or building. The overall mood is mysterious and magical.

...TO OBJECTS
BREAKING OR NATURAL
DISASTERS OCCURRING.
THERE WAS NO LIMIT.

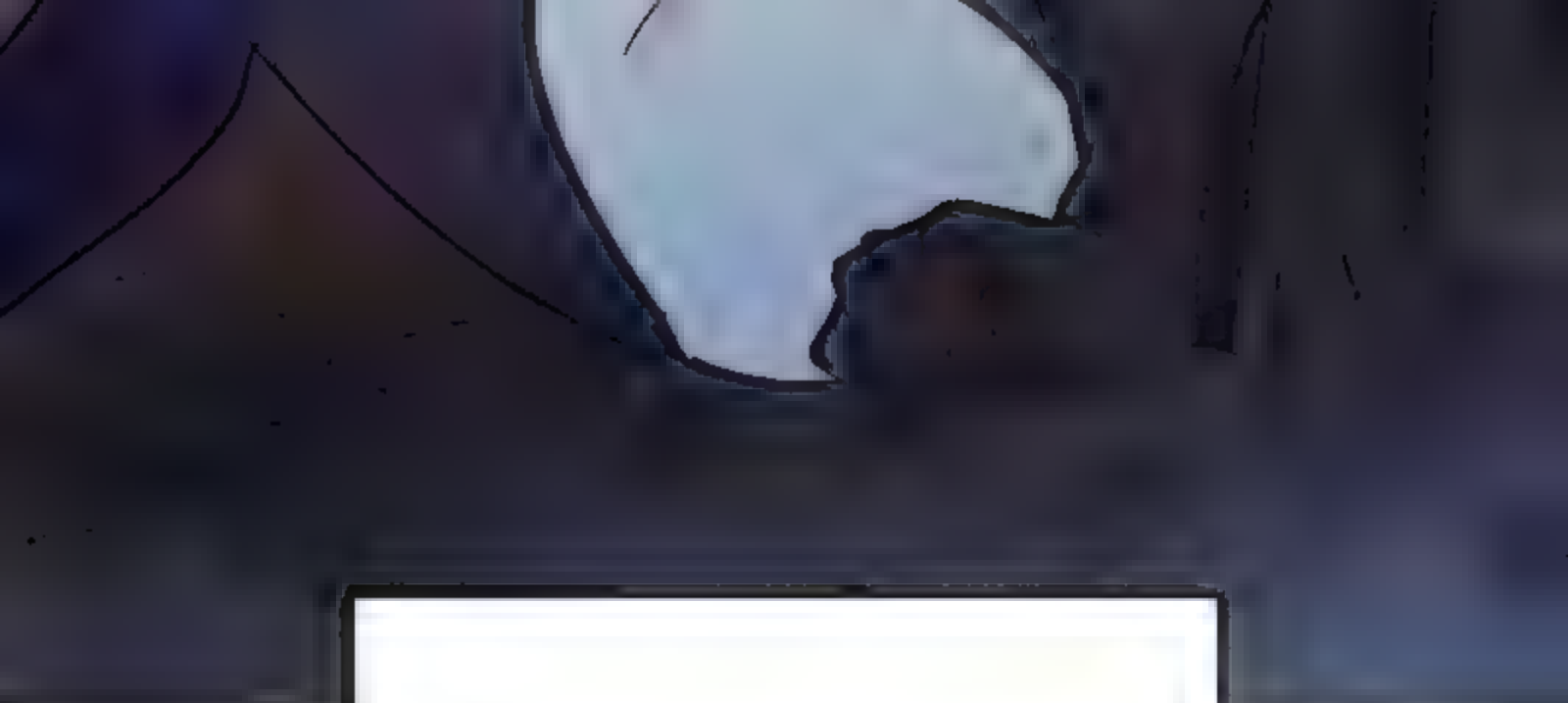




WHY DID THE
GROUND SUDDENLY
CAVE IN?!

?

?



NO MATTER WHAT
I DID, NOTHING COULD
PREVENT BANSHEE'S
CATASTROPHES...

H-HOW
DID YOU FIND ME
THIS TIME?!

SHUFFLE



TREMBLE

GET OUT
OF MY SIGHT!
I DO NOT WISH
TO SEE YOU!





CRUMBLE

STOP--

STOP
SEEKING ME OUT!
IT TOOK ME SO LONG
TO FIND THIS HOUSE,
YOU KNOW!



WHY ARE YOU
TORMENTING ME
WHEN I HAVE DONE
NOTHING?! YOU
ABSOLUTE
DEVIL!



E-EXCUSE ME?
HOW COULD YOU

HOW COULD YOU
SAY SOMETHING SO
CRUEL? YOU'RE THE
DEMON LORD!

OH NO.





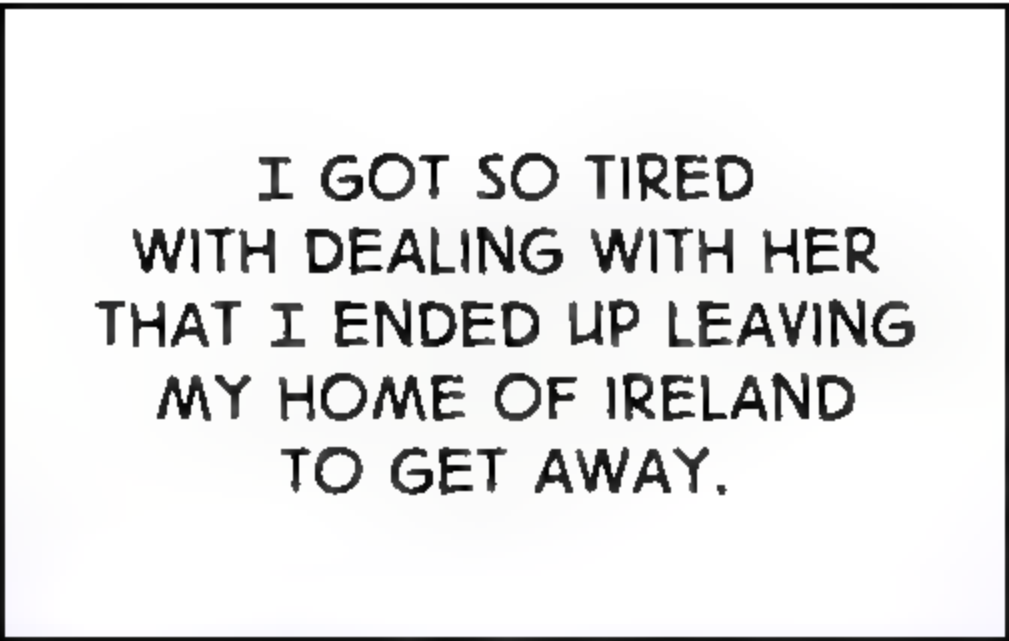
I SEE
YOU ARE ALREADY
CRYING ON YOUR WAY
IN THIS TIME...

SNIFFLE

SNIFFLE



I HAD A
BAD DAY.



I GOT SO TIRED
WITH DEALING WITH HER
THAT I ENDED UP LEAVING
MY HOME OF IRELAND
TO GET AWAY.





I SHALL
RETURN ONCE
SHE DIES...

THIS FAREWELL
WILL NOT LAST
FOREVER.

BUT...

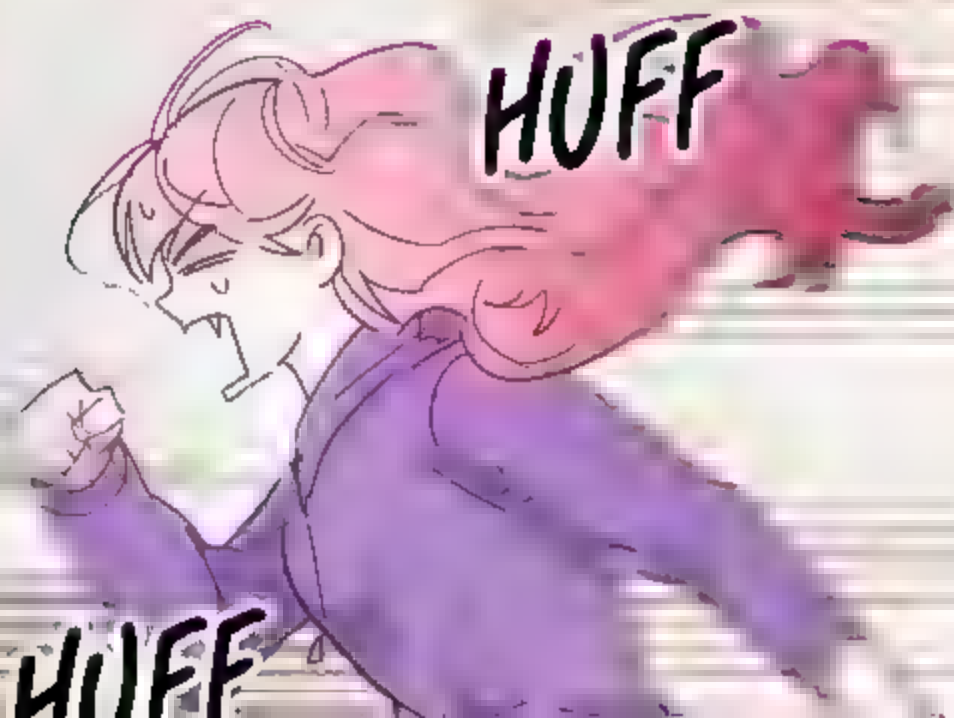
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...NOW,
CENTURIES
LATER...

PANT

I CANNOT BELIEVE
I AM RUNNING AWAY
FROM THAT WOMAN
YET AGAIN!

DU DUN



HUFF



LAHAN, WHY
ARE YOU RUNNING?!

ARE YOU RUNNING?!!
PLEASE WAIT!

RUSH

RUSH

PLEASE TELL ME
IF THIS IS MY FAULT!
WHAT DID I DO?!

UGH-! STOP
CHASING ME!

I NO LONGER
WISH TO BE IN
YOUR PRESENCE!





I HAVE
NEVER BEEN
SO OUT OF
BREATH!

A comic panel showing a character with long red hair, wearing a red dress and a grey jacket, shouting. The background is purple. A large, white, starburst-shaped speech bubble is in the center of the panel.



HOW COULD
YOU-?!

A comic panel showing a close-up of a character with long red hair, looking up with a surprised expression. The background is light blue. A white, jagged speech bubble is in the upper left of the panel.





D*** IT,
I FEEL QUEASY
AGAIN!

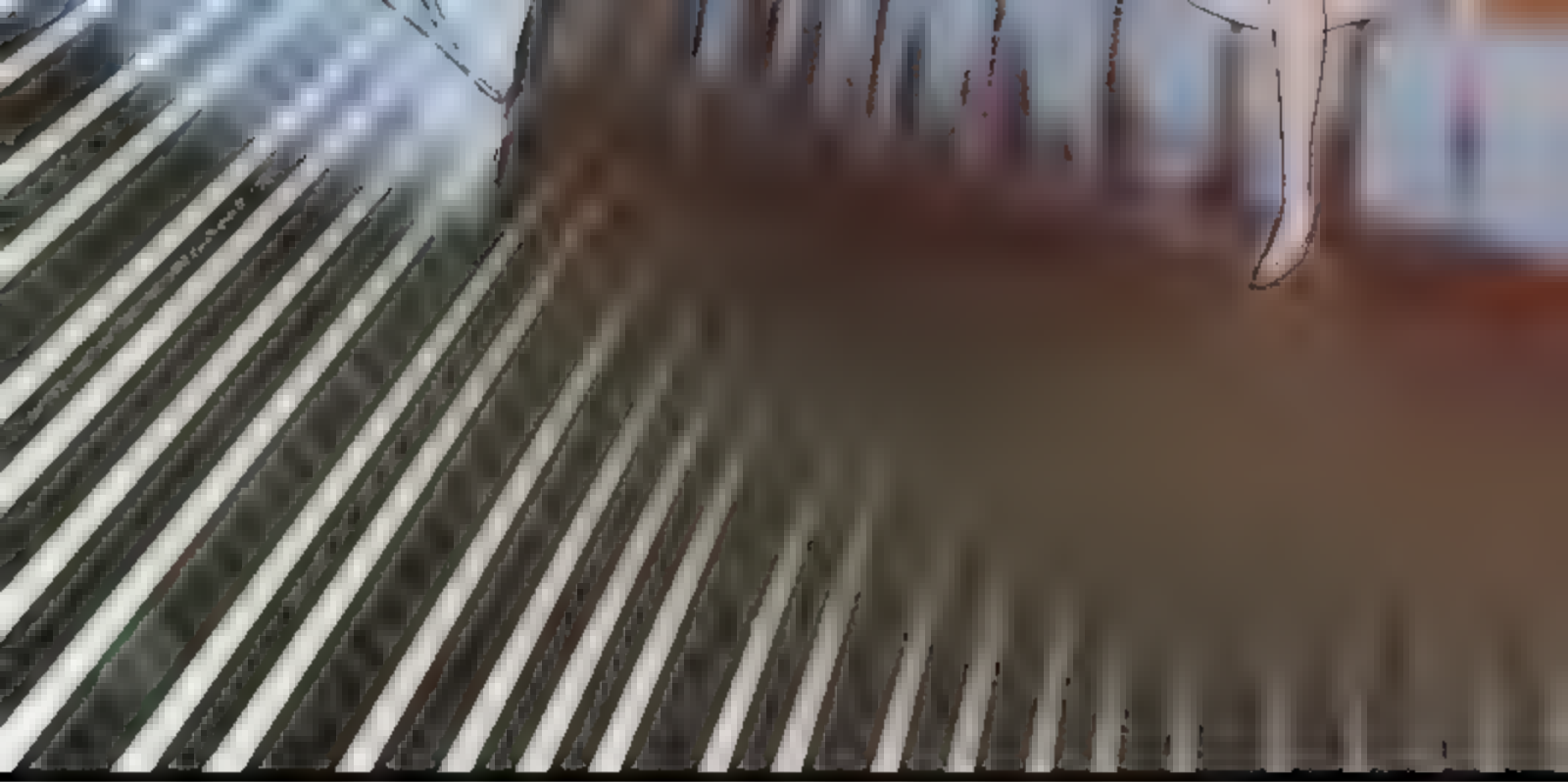
I CAN STOMACH
POISONOUS MUSHROOM
SOUP AND EVEN ENJOY IT,
BUT THAT WOMAN'S
ABILITY-!



SOMEONE
HELP ME!



LAHAN!



DASH











HEY, YOU!
IN THE BLACK
MASK!



HIDE

FLINCH



A TERRIFYING

PRESENCE IS
CHASING ME!
SHIELD ME WITH
YOUR BODY!





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